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Elba mayor says FEMA buyout of 2015 flood damaged homes delayed now by state office

Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock released the following statement concerning the much-delayed FEMA buyout of December 2015 flood damaged homes.

Unfortunately for those who continue to wait for the

promised relief, and a chance move on with their life, there is another delay of at least several months.

According to Mayor Murdock, "The City of Elba has received an update from FEMA pertaining to the

buyout application for properties affected by the December 2015 flooding. FEMA stated that Elba has submitted all of the information required at this point and the applications are being finalized at their level.

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is now requiring an archaeological study of certain properties to check for impact to historic or cultural resources that will take approximately two to three months to complete. FEMA is supposed to let the City know when that study will occur. Once FEMA has the archaeological study complete and approved by the SHPO, FEMA must go through the Large Project Notification process involving the notification of the U.S. Congress, because there will be more than \$1,000,000 of federal money involved as part of the project. That process can take a few weeks. So, the project is now delayed until the end of 2018 or the beginning of 2019. The City of Elba regrets the many delays and changing requirements of FEMA but appreciates the patience of the affected residents and property owners."

Elba's Board of Education approves FY2019 budget

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Board of Education approved its annual budget for the coming fiscal year last Thursday, Sept. 13, following two public hearings on the proposals.

The budget revenues and expenditures were explained by school financial officer Valerie McKelvy during the hearings, which are open to the public just as any meeting.

Income is projected to reach \$6,588,469.73 while some internal transfers show a total of 6,790,414.00 for budgeting purposes.

Of that total, \$3,479,306.48 comes from what is described as the Foundation program and is actually the major state furnished teacher salary account. State total revenues are \$4,132,289.00 and includes transportation (school bus) allocations of \$235,609.00 and \$168,638 for capital improvements and repairs, while there is \$876,293.00 total federal revenue for earmarked programs such as lunchroom cost (\$353,000), special education nurses, etc.

Local revenues . . . which include ad valorem (property) taxes are expected to reach \$160,293.00 and sales taxes \$303,120.00. Business licenses add in \$25,000.00 and alcohol tax accounts for \$50,000. These with other local city and county revenues total \$1,503,662.00.

Board members were told that careful budgeting has enabled the school sys-

tem to restore the unencumbered bank account balances to the state required percentages.

Another bright spot in the meeting was a report that enrollment is up slightly. This is the second year in a row with recorded student enrollment increases.

Board members were also told that Elba had six high school students qualify for the Coffee County Youth Leadership program this year.

The board approved a five-year Capital Plan to submit for state approval. This includes ten different projects, totaling \$492,000.

The plan includes projects ranging from \$240,000 air conditioner replacements, loan repayment, and insurance, to several \$8,000 improvements described as painting, replacing carpet with tile in both schools.

Superintendent Chris Moseley indicated that the most pressing project is landscaping work to stop erosion in several locations across the campus.

Also on the wish list of capital improvements is purchase of updated technology for the classrooms. There is \$100,000 itemized in this last part of the plan.

It should be mentioned there is a note with each project description that reads, "Funding Source Unknown".

Capital project plans are a work-in-progress plan that can be adjusted to fit school needs as necessary.

The superintendent also noted the schools were looking forward to Homecoming this week.



A member of the Zion Chapel community was struck by a vehicle Friday night, Sept. 14, as she attempted to cross Hwy. 87 from the parking lot of Zion Chapel Schools after leaving a football game. Despite efforts of medical personnel, the victim died at the scene.

Tragic accident rocks Zion Chapel community

The Zion Chapel [Jack] community lost a pillar of its community in a tragic accident Friday night, Sept. 14th.

Pamela Jan Clements, age 60, died as a result of injuries she sustained after being struck by a vehicle around 8:15 p.m. last Friday night. According to Alabama State Troopers, Clements was crossing the road going back to her vehicle from the football game at Zion Chapel High School when she was struck by a 2011 Chevrolet pickup, driven by Robert Lydell Smith, age 56, of Brundidge.

The accident was directly across from Zion Chapel High School. Despite efforts of trained medical personnel on the scene, Clements reportedly died at the scene due to the injuries she sustained in the accident.

Clements was an active part of the Zion

Chapel community, especially as a member of the Altrusa of Jack organization. Altrusa of Jack had planned its annual Jack Day Festival for the next day, but it was postponed due to this tragic loss. The event will be held at a later date.

Community members have expressed feelings of their deep loss over the past week, and many have noted that Clements was a wonderful person that loved the Zion Chapel community and schools. They said she would be deeply missed by all.

A memorial service was held for Clements on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at New Hope Baptist Church [see obituary on Page 3 for more information]. The family requests that memorials in memory of Jan be made to: Altrusa of Jack, P.O. Box 25, Jack, Alabama 36346.

Elba resident Terrell Roberson overcomes 'Stage 4' tongue cancer

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Terrell Roberson, a resident of Elba, found himself in a battle for his life, literally, last year after being diagnosed with Stage 4 tongue cancer, but today his doctors refer to him as a walking miracle.

Roberson was diagnosed with the cancer on July 17, 2017. He said he had always had an issue with something on his tongue that he did not know what it was nor did his doctors.

Last year, he began to experience pain in his throat, tongue and his head.

A general manager of a Hardee's in Dothan, Roberson said he left work early one day due to the



Terrell Roberson

pain, and went to an emergency room. After an ENT doctor came in to check, he said it took him about one

second to diagnose cancer.

Roberson was referred at that moment to UAB Hospital in Birmingham for an appointment; however, he said some of his family members had heard good things about the Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA), and he got an appointment at the center in Atlanta. As luck would have it, the two appointments were for the same day.

Roberson said he chose the appointment at the CTCA. He said this would

be a decision he would not regret.

In going to CTCA in Atlanta, Roberson said this is when he really began to find out what was going on with him.

"I fell in the two percent range in the whole United States to contract this type of cancer," Roberson said. "We started treatment right away."

Roberson underwent three surgeries - a biopsy, a surgery to put in his feeding tube, and the surgery to remove the cancer where over 1/2 of his tongue was removed. The main surgery lasted for 21 hours, and Roberson was expected to be in the hospital for weeks

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Coffee County BOE approves FY2019 budget

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday, Sept. 13, at noon, for a special meeting, and held the second of two required annual budget hearings during the meeting.

Shannon Odom, chief financial officer for the school system, presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 budget during the hearing. The school system will operate on the Fiscal Year 2019 budget from Oct. 1, 2018 through Sept. 30, 2019.

Odom said the system is expected to have a beginning balance of \$7,169,069.89 with the new budget with the addition of \$21,855,124.64 in anticipated revenues for the year. She said that would bring the total revenues balance to \$29,024,194.64 for the fiscal year.

Odom further noted that anticipated expenditures would total \$22,291,702.76 for the year. She said that would leave an ending balance for the fiscal at \$6,732,491.77 on Sept. 30, 2019.

Following the budget

hearing, board member Eric Payne made a motion with a second from board member Galen McWaters to approve the budget. The motion passed with all in attendance voting in favor of it as presented.

Board members

approved one personnel matter during the meeting. Christina Anderson was employed as a part-time interventionist at Kinston School.

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Six students from Elba High School were chosen to participate in this year's Coffee County Youth Leadership Program. They are shown here with Elba High counselor Buffy Lusk (left) at the welcome reception held Monday evening, Sept. 17, at the CCBOE office. The Elba CCYLP students are (from left): Levi Camley, Isaac Watkins, Lauren Haley, Lynsey Manning, Kymbria Bimbo, and Elizabeth Woodham.

Six Elba students named to Coffee County Youth Leadership class

The Coffee County Youth Leadership Program (CCYLP) held its annual Welcome Reception for this year's participating students Monday evening, Sept. 17, at the Coffee County Board of Education office in Elba, Ala.

Students chosen for this leadership program are juniors in high school, and they go through a rigorous selection process before being chosen to be a part of CCYLP. Committee members said the students

chosen for CCYLP already have shown leadership abilities, and this program is designed to help them further those skills. Students begin with an application process and they also complete an interview in order to be chosen for CCYLP.

The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a welcome reception for this year's CCYLP class, which followed the ceremony announcing the members of the class.

Area Happenings

THE ELBA HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING BONFIRE AND PEP RALLY will be Thursday evening, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. It will be held this year in downtown Elba at Tiger Town Park.

AREA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS will be in action Friday night, Sept. 21st. The Elba Tigers will host Florala, the New Brockton Gamecocks will host Goshen, the Zion Chapel Rebels will travel to Calhoun, the Kinston Bulldogs will travel to Red Level, and the Brantley Bulldogs will travel to Georgiana. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. for these games.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WILL CELEBRATE HOMECOMING this Friday, Sept. 21st. The theme is "Home Sweet Homecoming: Elba Traditions. The Homecoming Queen Coronation will be held Friday at 9 a.m. followed by a pep rally in the Elba High School stadium. EHS will honor the Class of 1988 with a tea Friday at 1 p.m. in the Family and Consumer Science Department. The parade line up will begin at 1:30 with the parade promptly beginning at 3 p.m. The Homecoming Court will be presented Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. followed by the football game against Florala at 7 p.m.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"The strength of the Constitution, lies in the will of the people to defend it. - Thomas Edison

As close as we have been to the center of more than one major weather disaster, new issues still appear with every new occurrence. This time it revolves around convicted sex offenders. The emergency folks open up temporary shelters for citizens misplaced or trying to avoid the raging storms. Well, up the East Coast last week a law enforcement official reminded the area's convicted sex offenders they couldn't go near a school, even if it is a shelter, nor anywhere else children were being housed. That issue has never crossed our mind, but now it is real. Some organization supporting this group of people has demanded that policy be reversed. We don't know which is right. Yes, these folks deserve support and help if anyone does, but if in "protecting" their rights society does something that ultimately hurts children . . . society has thus violated the rights of the children . . . people who can't defend themselves and must trust adults to be their protectors. They too (and their families) should have reasonable assurance that a disaster shelter will be a place of safety, at least from the already convicted criminals. You figure this one out . . . then please let me know the solution.

Well, so much for the indignation expressed over Nike using NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick in their advertisements. Their stock again closed on the stock market Friday at the highest price in history. It did have a little dip right after the announcement of Kaepernick being their sports star of the day but from that hiccup it has been all profit for the stock sellers - for six selling days in a row, as of Friday's closing.

Federal Judge Brett Kavanaugh was on a streak to be confirmed to the U. S. Supreme Court until a letter surfaced blaming him for sexual misbehavior as a teenager. The truth from that long ago time probably can't be proven nor disproven but in today's "political correct" environment, it likely is enough to kill his promotion to the Supreme Court. Either way it will forever taint his name. Never mind a letter signed by over sixty women from his past describing him as squeaky clean. The man did appear squeaky clean before this letter from a California college professor surfaced and would probably have remained so if he had not been in the news so much lately. Then we are asked, "Why don't more good folks get involved in politics?" The answer is they simply don't want their personal lives ruined . . . by tales from the past, true or not. Very few people can honestly say their life has been perfect, by either yesterday's standards or today's concepts. Most would like to not have the world know of their minor or major missteps. It is probably even worse on an individual if the stories are not true.

Summer should be over but you can't tell it by the temperatures nor by any lack of activity at Elba's Tiger Town Park or the new adjoining splash pad. Both stay busy most afternoons and all day on weekends. We drove by there Sunday night after church and both were still being actively used by youngsters and adults.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Sept. 10, investigated the following incidents: two for attempting to elude, one criminal littering, one burglary, two for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, two for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, two for possession of marijuana, two for harassment, one unlawful breaking and entering, one public intoxication, one disorderly conduct, one criminal mischief, one domestic violence, one gas drive off, one providing false identity to obstruct, and one rape.

Arrests made during the

week included: two for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, two for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, one for public intoxication, one for possession of marijuana, one for bail jumping, and one for providing a false identity to obstruct.

There were nine traffic citations and 10 traffic warnings issued by Elba Police officers during the timeframe of Sept. 10th-Sept. 16th.

MONDAY, SEPT. 10 - Elba Police officers involved in chase of a vehicle on Hwy 166 and Hwy 84 - driver of subject vehicle crashed and subject fled on foot - officers chased the subject to an abandoned building on Hwy. 84 - subject not located (12:01 a.m.); Report of shots fired in area of Guyton St (10:19 a.m.); Report of 18-wheeler hit a fire hydrant on Claxton Ave (10:30 a.m.); Report of counterfeit bill passed at Troy Bank and Trust (11:58 a.m.); Complaint of a copper wire cut out at a residence on Hwy. 203 (4:53 p.m.);

Suspicious vehicle on County Rd 365 - arrest made and vehicle impounded for possession of drugs (7:10 p.m.); Possible domestic disturbance on Yelverton St (9:22 p.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11 - Trespassing reported at Inland store on Davis St (3:30 p.m.); Report of a past breaking and entering of a residence on Buford St (8:31 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a wreck at County Rd 239 and County Rd 223 (6:49 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a medical call at the Elba Senior Center (10:29 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at Beaver Dam Apartments (11:26 a.m.); Suspicious activity reported on Washington Ave (8:11 p.m.); Suspicious activity reported on Hwy. 166 (8:12 p.m.); 11-year-old juvenile reported missing - the juvenile walked up at residence as officers were arriving on scene (8:59 p.m.).

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13 - Report of two white males walking down the road on Taylor Ave after coming out of wood holding something up (12:21 a.m.); Suspicious juveniles reported at Elba Rec building - caller said the juveniles were running out in front of traffic (4:42 p.m.); Report of a dog being hit by a vehicle on Taylor Mill Rd (7:35 p.m.); Report of a suspicious vehicle at the cemetery on Hwy 166 (10:36 p.m.).

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14 - Disturbance reported on Winston Ave (6:04 a.m.); Possible drug activity reported on Tiger Drive (8:05 a.m.); Report of harassment on County Rd 410 (11:25 a.m.); Report of subject panhandling in

legalization could create 90,000 jobs and annual tax revenue of \$8 billion.

Without legalization, Alabama will not share in these jobs and tax revenues.

While jobs and tax revenue are nice, prosperity ultimately involves providing goods, services, and activities people want. Jobs from value-creating businesses - those providing the most desired goods and services - create economically thriving communities. Alabama will miss out on a value-creating industry by not legalizing sports betting.

But does sports betting truly generate value? A skeptic could point out that gambling is a zero-sum game (the losses cancel out wins) and creates no products. Yet millions of people value having action on games and get satisfaction from their winning bets. People willingly place bets they know they might lose. Economists call such satisfaction utility.

Why do people enjoy betting? Economists leave such questions to psychologists. The exclusively voluntary nature of market

activities excludes predatory activities from value creation.

Sports betting's biggest negative is the "problem gamblers" who lose more than they can afford, resulting in bankruptcy and devastating families. This is most unfortunate, but are problem gamblers better off with prohibition? People have long been able to bet illegally, with online betting only making access easier. Prohibition, however, makes "problem gambler's" difficulties worse. Legal sportsbooks will not break legs to collect debts; indeed, it will not be profitable to let gamblers make bets they cannot pay off.

The increased betting volume from legalization increases the risk of gamblers paying players to fix games. This is a real threat: the "Black Sox" scandal nearly ruined major league baseball, and college players who will never play professionally might find gamblers' dollars very tempting.

Sportsbooks, though, already have a strong incentive to protect the integrity of games. A \$300

billion a year betting market will generate significant profits for years to come provided the public does not view the contests as rigged. Sportsbooks also will not want to pay off rigged bets. Scandals will undoubtedly occur, but cooperation between sportsbooks, the leagues, and law enforcement should keep the contests legitimate.

Jobs, taxes, and losing both to neighboring states are all worthwhile considerations. But I think that the most compelling argument is the freedom to engage legally in an activity many Alabamians value. Despite the benefits, I wouldn't bet on Alabama legalizing sports betting anytime soon.

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~ One step closer to regular order ~

Guest Editorial by U.S. Representative Martha Roby

and needs as a nation.

It is imperative that Congress work to bring certainty to government funding, especially for our military, including the critical operations that happen in our district at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base and Fort Rucker.

As you might remember, Senate Democrats shut down the government at the beginning of this year over policy that was totally unrelated to government funding. While Congress and the Trump

Administration were able to find common ground on a funding solution at that time, much work still remains to fund the government in an orderly, process-driven manner. The way we have been operating is not the way it was designed to work.

In order to fund the government by what we call "regular order," both the House and Senate are supposed to pass all twelve of our respective funding bills through the subcommittees, through the full committees, and then on the House and Senate floors. After both chambers have passed twelve bills, we are then supposed to go to conference and work out the differences that exist between the versions of each bill. Once a finalized version is agreed upon by both chambers, the bills are sent to the President's desk where they are hopefully signed into law.

Last year, the House did operate by regular order. The Senate did not, which is what caused us to go into crisis mode earlier this year with four people in a room deciding how to fund the government with a shutdown looming. The product that came out of this

broken process was far from perfect, and it will continue to be until we come together and decide to operate the way our founding fathers intended - where the American people have their representative at the table with a vote to reflect their views and priorities.

This year, in the House and Senate, we have truly made progress towards returning to regular order with our appropriations bills. Under the leadership of Senator Richard Shelby who now chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Senate has made historic progress. They cleared seven of their twelve appropriations bills by the month of August. This has not happened in almost 20 years, and it is a very big deal. I'm optimistic that with Senator Shelby's leadership, we are on a more responsible path than in years past.

Now that both chambers have made significant progress in passing appropriations bills for the Fiscal Year 2019, select members have been conferencing to work out the differences

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CANCER

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to months. He stayed one week only in the hospital.

"The doctors thought I would never eat by tongue again," he said.

He said they also thought he would never be able to talk again.

Roberson's treatment also included 31 treatments of high dose radiation.

"I was determined to talk," he said. "My speech is a little deterred and a lot deterred compared to how I used to speak, but here I am sitting her talking."

Following his surgery, Roberson had his feeding tube for about two months, but he said he was determined to not have to rely on a feeding tube the rest of his life.

The first time doctors tried a swallowing test, Roberson said he failed it terribly. He wondered if he would ever swallow again.

After some thought and work, he said he decided to try, without fear, a chicken tender.

Roberson said he was able to find a technique to swallow that worked for him, and he has been able to swallow on his own ever since.

"I can eat whatever I

want now," he said.

Due to the extent of his cancer, doctors felt Roberson would not speak nor would not eat again without a feeding tube. Today, they call him a walking miracle because he can do both.

With the help from his doctors and a speech pathologist at Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Atlanta, Roberson has recovered. Now, when not working, he spends a lot of his spare time speaking to other patients at CTCA about his battle with cancer.

"I am a faithful believer in God," Roberson said. "Everything they said I was not going to do, I used as determination to do it again. It was a hard journey and there were depressing moments, but I had God and a great support team."

A native of Dothan, Roberson has lived in Elba for about seven months now with his wife and four of his seven children. He also has one grandchild.

On Aug. 11, 2018, he celebrated his one-year anniversary of being cancer free. He still goes once per month to CTCA for routine

checks.

Roberson said he is so glad he chose CTCA to help him beat his stage 4 cancer, and he said he would advise anyone with cancer to make an appointment there.

As for now, he said he is just happy being able to enjoy life and watch his children and grandchildren grow up.

"I was determined to fight through it all," Roberson said. "I hope my testament of being able to overcome stage 4 cancer and the other obstacles will be an inspiration to someone."

CCBOE

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Also during the meeting, the board approved the system's 5-year capital plan projects list. This is a working document, but must be approved and submitted each year to the state department of education.

Board chairman Brian McLeod noted the next regular meeting for the board would be Thursday, Oct. 4, at 5:30 p.m.

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ROBY

between the two versions of each bill. I am proud to report that the House and Senate have both passed the Conference Report for H.R. 5895, the Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, a combination of three of the twelve appropriations titles. It now heads to the White House where it awaits President Trump's signature.

This is great progress, but we still have nine of the twelve funding bills to conference, pass out of both chambers, and send to the President. I am glad to have been selected as a conferee for the Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education package, which combines two very important funding bills.

One of Congress' most fundamental constitutional duties is to "provide for the common defense." In both the House and Senate, we have done our due dili-

gence to pass funding bills that provide strong support to rebuild our military after years of devastating cuts. This funding package also includes a Labor-HHS bill that has several priorities that are important to the people of Alabama's Second District.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I am in a strong position to ensure that our Alabama priorities are properly funded from year to year. I am very hopeful that we can finally begin to operate in a way that ensures your voice is heard, and I am eager to ensure that our government is fully and properly funded before the September 30th deadline.

**** Martha Roby represents Alabama's Second Congressional District. She lives in Montgomery, Alabama, with her husband Riley and**

Elba Alumni Association set to host golf tourney and EHS alumni meeting this Friday, Sept. 20th

It is Homecoming Week in Elba, which means the Elba High School Alumni Association is excited to host its annual golf tournament and members meeting.

The golf tourney and alumni meeting both are set for this Friday, Sept. 20, at the Elba Country Club. The 4-person golf scramble tournament begins at 8 a.m. while the membership meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m.

"The only way our alumni association will continue to have the type of success it has had over the past three years is with the con-

tinued support of our alumni," said president Linda Hodge. "Our funding comes through membership fees and the golf tournament."

Hodge said the alumni association uses funds raised to provide two monetary scholarships each year to graduating seniors and to meet other needs identified by the schools.

"If you have not already done so, we ask you to consider joining or renewing your membership for the Elba High School Alumni Association," Hodge said.

Membership fees are only \$20 per year and can

be paid this Friday at the alumni association annual meeting.

Lunch will be provided to all alumni in attendance.

Also, if interested in playing in the 3rd Annual Elba High School Alumni Association Golf Tournament, please contact Neil Grantham at neil.grantham@troycable.net.

"It's not too late to get signed up for our golf tournament for Friday morning," said Hodge. "Please come out and join us for this fun time Friday at the Country Club. We look forward to seeing you!"

Alabama Extension offering Farming Basics online course

More people than ever are interested in giving farming a try.

In the past, people turned to farming family members for help. Today, most people are generations removed from farming.

To help budding farmers get started, Alabama Extension now offers a free online course, Farming Basics. Launched Sept. 10, the course addresses critical topics in agriculture.

Alabama Extension director Gary Lemme calls the course a groundbreaking digital effort.

"Anyone who is considering farming but has little to no experience will reap rewards by completing the course," says Lemme.

He adds that Farming Basics is a valuable tool for experienced farm owners as well.

"Established producers can use the course as a refresher in best practices," says Lemme.

"Additionally, they can use it to train new employees."

Jewell and Russell Bean of S & B Farm in Barbour County agree the course is exactly what beginning farmers need.

"Farming Basics is filled with good information," Russell Bean says. "We recommend it as a resource not only for beginning farmers but seasoned producers as well."

Farming Basics' five chapters feature video presentations and additional resources which enhance the course's content depth. A short quiz at the end of each chapter offers participants the opportunity to review and reinforce content concepts. The course takes about two hours to complete. Upon completion, participants receive a certificate.

Dr. Ayanava Majumdar, Farming Basics project leader, says more than 200 people have already pre-registered for the course.

"Farming is challenging for experienced farmers, and it can be overwhelming

to people new to it," says Majumdar. "Our goal with Farming Basics is to help new producers develop knowledge and critical skills, enabling them to reduce mistakes and achieve profitability more rapidly."

The course covers farm management and marketing, pesticide safety, food safety, basic crop production and pest management. Find the course at <https://aces.catalog.auburn.edu/>.

Farming Basics follows the proven model of Beef Basics, Alabama Extension's first online

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BRAXTON BLACKMON

Mr. Braxton Blackmon, age 82, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018.

Funeral services were held Aug. 31, 2018, in the chapel of Sorrells Funeral Home & Crematory in Enterprise with Reverend Dewey Emfinger officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery with Sorrells Funeral Home and Crematory directing.

Braxton was born March 25, 1936, in Elba to the late Lex Blackmon and Edna Earl Seymore Blackmon.

He is preceded in death by his wife, JoAnn Mack Blackmon, and daughter, Barbara Stinson.

Survivors include two daughters: Donna Hataway (Malcom), Elba; Gail Blackmon, Opp, Ala.; son: Tim Blackmon (Janet), Elba; four grandchildren: Brandy Chamblee, Bradley and Avery Hataway and Jake Blackmon; two great-grandchildren: Emma and Marlee Miranda.

AARON TIDWELL

Mr. Aaron Tidwell, age 69, a resident of Elba, Ala., died peacefully Monday, Sept. 10, 2018, at his home.

Funeral services were held Sept. 13, 2018 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Chris Tidwell and Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Mr. Tidwell was preceded in death by a grandson, Dalton Register; his parents, Ella Hall Tidwell and Roscoe Tidwell, along with four brothers, Jimmy, Sherman, Donnie, and Tony; and two sisters, Shirley Tomlin and Joyce Tidwell Boothe.

Survivors include his wife: Kathy Marler Tidwell, Elba; daughters: Renee (Andy) Bradshaw, Elba, Tracie (Jarrod) Jones, Opp, Ala., Stephanie (Brian) Register, Fort Bliss, Texas; sons: Tim Tidwell and Rev. Chris (Kim) Tidwell, both of Elba; grandchildren: Tiffany Bradshaw and Caitlin Bradshaw, both of Elba, Austin Register, Fort Bliss, Jerron Register, Columbus, Ga., Joshua Tidwell, Destinee Tidwell and Danielle Tidwell, all of Elba, Millicent Nolin and Brandt Jonesalso, both of Opp; sisters: Vickie (Billy) Dobbs, Rutledge, Ala., Debbie (Sam) Isaacs, Montgomery, Ala.; brothers: Cline (Sybil) Tidwell, Highland Home, Ala., Ronnie (Sherri) Tidwell, Wetumpka, Ala., Mark (Sabrina) Tidwell, Grady, Ala., and Dale (Sissy) Tidwell, Ramer, Ala.

MILDRED MORROW

Mrs. Mildred Morrow, age 89, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Sept. 13, 2018 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Derek Snellgrove officiating.



Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Morrow was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Coston Morrow; and by her parents, Mae Hawkins White and Talley B. White.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law: Rhonda and Gerald Ray Eubanks Jr., Elba; grandson: Jason (Jennifer) Faulk, Kinston, Ala.; granddaughter: Christy (Michael) Laramore, Coffee Springs, Ala.; great-grandsons: Tyler Faulk, Elba, Jayce Faulk, Kinston, Colton Faulk, Daleville, Ala. Matthew and Gabe Laramore, both of Coffee Springs; great-granddaughters: Katelyn Turner, Elba, Adalyn and Rayley Couey, both of Kinston, and Rachael Laramore, Coffee Springs.

DAISY BELL WAMBLES

Mrs. Daisy Bell Wambles, age 95, a resident of Bellwood, Ala., died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, at her home.

Funeral services were held Sept. 18, 2018 at Jack Assembly of God Church with Rev. Johnny Belcher and Rev. Cliff Quincey officiating. Burial followed in the Jack Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Wambles was preceded in death by her birth mother Bobbie Martin Hurst, her parents Alex and Lila Hurst, sister Earlene Ammons, brother Franklin Hurst, husband Foster Wambles, son-in-law Jesse Hughes, and great-grandsons Jackson Lane Wambles and Brock Allen Vinson.

Survivors include her sons: Jerry (Linda C.) Wambles, Johnny (Sandra) Wambles, and Steve (Lois) Wambles, all of Bellwood; daughters: Betty J. Hughes and Gwendolyn (Steve) Majors, all of Hartford, Ala., Patricia (Bill) Eubanks, Decatur, Ala., Peggy A. (Chris) Farewell, Olympia, Wash., Linda (Miley) Simmons, Dorothy Braxton, and

Bobbie Thompson, all of Bellwood; sisters: Betty Lou (Bill) Stephenson, Savannah, Ga., Lilla Bell White, Elba; sisters-in-law: Jean Givens, Theodore, Ala., Mary Seavy, Jack, Ala.; 26 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, three step great-grandchildren, and three great great-grandchildren.

PAMELA JAN CLEMENTS

Mrs. Pamela Jan Clements, age 60, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Sept. 14, 2018, as a result of injuries sustained from an accident.

A memorial service was held Sept. 18, 2018 at New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Lanny Shepard officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba was in charge of funeral arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, her family requests memorials be made to: Altrusa of Jack, P.O. Box 25, Jack, Alabama 36346, in memory of Jan.

Jan was preceded in death by her father, Duvall Kenneth Wise.

She is survived by her husband: David Clements, Elba; daughter: Shanna Ballard, Brundidge, Ala.; son: Joe Speros, Banks, Ala.; mother: Eulene Clara Wise, Elba; granddaughter: Dakota Ballard, Brundidge; grandsons: Matthew Ballard, Brundidge, Matthew Speros, Jeremy Speros, and William Speros, all three of Banks; sister: Joan Clark, Elba; and brother: Therrell Wise, Enterprise, Ala.

MABLE DAVIS

Mrs. Mable Davis, age 90, of Enterprise, Ala., died recently at her residence.

Funeral services were held Friday, Sept. 14, 2018, at Johns Chapel A M E. Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directed the services.

RAYNELL B SMITH

Raynell Bryan Smith age 72, a resident of Enterprise, AL died Tuesday September 18, 2018 at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home.

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LIFESTYLES

‘Open House’ event set for Friday, Sept. 21, at old Coffee County Jail building in Elba

The historic Coffee County Jail, located on Putnam Street in downtown Elba next to the Elba Chamber of Commerce, is a landmark filled with history.

A historic committee in Elba has been working for quite some time to preserve the landmark and generate ways to keep the building an active part of the community. With that in mind, an Open House event will be held Friday, Sept. 21, from 2-4 p.m. at the old Coffee County Jail.

This is the same day Elba will be celebrating Homecoming at the high school; therefore, the event organizers felt this day would be appropriate to the

open house in conjunction. The public is invited to tour the jail and see the progress that already has been made towards saving the historic building.

Mike Russell’s Construction Company has cleaned the facility as a gift to the city. This took the building back to its original structure built in 1912.

Grant funds also made it possible to cover the building’s window openings.

Officials said a second grant has been applied for and plans are to use those funds to replace the building’s roof. Plans also include keeping the building in shape for it to be available for walking tours in the future.

LBWCC honor students for summer term named

LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel recognizes academic excellence of students named to the President’s List and Dean’s List each semester.

To qualify, students must be a full-time student and maintain a grade point average of 4.0 for the President’s List, and a GPA of 3.50-3.99 for the Dean’s List.

The following [local] individuals were named as recipients of this distinguished recognition for

Summer Semester 2018:

President’s List
Brantley: Kenneth Allen Holland, Ieshia Tatyana Thompson; **Elba:** Laderis Rayshawn Adams, Colby Allen Copeland, Robert J. Curran, William Thomas Kelley, Jennifer Luu, Arzo D. Tureaud II; **Jack:** Jeffrey Clint Grantham II

Dean’s List
Brantley: Garvin James Ayers; **Elba:** Jamison Paul Bailey, Jodi Leanne Farris, Justin Michael Hallm, and William Braxton Robinson



THE COFFEE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB (CCRC) met Monday, Sept. 10, at Po Folks Restaurant in Enterprise. Guest speaker was Republican Jeremy Oden, who is running for re-election to Alabama Public Service Commission, Place 1. Oden was appointed to the PSC by Governor Bentley in 2012, and he was elected to serve a full term in 2014. Prior to his appointment, he served as AL House District 11 Representative. The CCRC meets the second Monday of the month at 6 pm at Po Folks Restaurant in Enterprise. All are welcome and no reservations are necessary. For more information, call chairman Ed Foy at 494-4663. Pictured left to right: CCRC vice-chair Kevin Kennington, Jeremy Oden, and CCRC chairman Ed Foy.

Coffee County Extension office to host deer management and hunting workshop in four individual 2-hour sessions

Fall in the Wiregrass is quickly approaching, and with it whitetail deer hunting season.

The Coffee County Extension office is ready to help new hunters learn about hunting, and experienced hunters become better hunters with the “Get Out of Your Rut” deer management and hunting workshop. The workshop will consist of four sessions.

Each session will cover a different topic. The dates and topics include;

September 27 – Rules and regulations, hunter safety, and hunting on wildlife management areas

October 11 – Establishing food plots

October 25 – Trail camera surveys and how to age and properly score your buck

November 4 – Predator



Seniors from the New Hope Senior Citizens Center enjoyed a field trip Thursday, Sept. 13, that included bowling and a Chinese lunch in Enterprise. It was reported that the seniors had lots of fun and can not wait until their next trip!

Seniors from New Hope Senior Center go bowling

Senior citizens at the New Hope Senior Center hit the road Thursday, Sept. 13, and went bowling in Enterprise. Center director Conzuella Banks said 20+ seniors had a fun-filled day, and they were so excited. She said the seniors are ready to plan their next field trip!

After bowling, the group enjoyed lunch at a Chinese restaurant.



Brothers Johnny and James Moultry shared laughter and friendly competition.



Joseph Willis finished in first place with a score of 76!

Stay connected in downtown Elba

Stay online while enjoying the outdoors in Elba’s Main Street Community Space. The initial Wi-Fi deployment is on the Clements Corner of Court Square, a premier gathering place and venue for resting, visiting, studying, and events.



THE LEADERSHIP COFFEE COUNTY CLASS VISITED THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FRIDAY, SEPT. 14, AND WENT ON A WALKING TOUR of downtown Elba with Chamber director Sandy Bynum. Leadership Coffee County is designed to equip the next generation of leaders in the area with knowledge of valuable resources and industries to broaden their prospective and gain deeper insight of Coffee County. This annual program selects up to 12 individuals to attend 10 workshops offered over the course of 10 months, delving into the structure of Coffee County’s history, structure, and current leadership - governmental, and non-governmental. Above, the group stopped by The Elba Clipper office during the tour where they were provided insight into the county’s oldest newspaper by editor Linda Hodge. They are pictured above with Bynum.

LBW Community College rolls out new online science course

LBW Community College is rolling out its first physical science course completely online, including laboratory requirements, beginning in an eight-week session set to begin Oct. 15.

“This is yet another course completely online and available students no matter where they live, and it is one of several online core curriculum classes available toward an Associate Degree,” said LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel. “Our goal is to reach 100 percent online availability of all core curriculum courses, which we hope to achieve in the near future.”

LeAnn Judah, LBWCC division chair for mathematics and science, said the online physical science course was in development for a year.

“This physical science course is comparable to a traditional course. The laboratories are developed specifically for online access so students can complete them at home without coming to campus, as they would in a traditional or hybrid course,” she said. “We’re excited to roll it out in this eight-week session.”

This course provides non-technical students with an introduction to the basic principles of geology, oceanography, meteorology, and astronomy.

“It is an earth science class, beginning with rocks and minerals and goes all the way to the solar system, atmosphere, weather and climate, and how our earth was formed,” she added.

The second physical science course in the sequence is currently in development for online access, aiming for completion by spring 2020.

The upcoming eight-week session includes several online courses, including art appreciation, microcomputer applications, English composition, western civilization, ethics, music appreciation, orientation to college, general psychology, human growth and development, and introduction to sociology.

“This eight-week session is a great opportunity to get started if you missed the beginning of fall semester,” said Riedel. “There are many courses available during the day at all campus locations, an evening class in

the air conditioning and refrigeration program, and hybrid courses which require both online and classroom instruction.”

A new placement assessment date is also added to the schedule for 9 a.m. on Sept. 28, in Andalusia, Opp, and Greenville for those needing to get started, he added.

In addition, new students can apply for financial aid for the short session by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov using LBWCC’s school code of 008988.

For more information, visit www.lbwcc.edu or call 334-881-2215.

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Thank You!

Those growing up in the Deep South learned about manners at an early age. Always say "yes sir", "no sir", "yes ma'am", "no ma'am", "please" and especially "thank you". There have been many a bar of soap consumed in the state of Alabama on account of forgetting any one of these simple phrases. Parents spend literally hours teaching their children special code words to signal them when to use these polite phrases.

"Mrs. Smith asked you a question. Now what do you say?" Any child not wishing to spend time burping up bubbles knew that was a signal for the phrase "yes ma'am". This Pavlovian type response was a natural part of childhood. The longer you took to learn it the cleaner your mouth became. To this day I don't even like the smell of Dial soap. One trip down the soap isle in the grocery store can cause a week's worth of bad dreams.

With that kind of pressure looming all the time, a kid was bound to slip up every once in a while. It was inevitable that you eventually give the wrong response, or worse yet, miss the signal all together. Of course, if you missed it more than once you might as well start looking for an after dinner mint.

My dad was the football team doctor for our local high school for many years. Once when my brother was playing and I was about six or seven years old Dad took me down to the stadium with him to give the team their pre-season physicals. I was proud to be allowed entrance to the inner sanctum of the coaches' office. The smell of soured grass and sweat told me that I was in a sacred place that only a select few were allowed to see.

As my dad went about giving the players their exams, I daydreamed of one day being a gridiron warrior and playing for coaches like Bryant, Landry, or Shula. I began to imagine hearing the crowd chant my name as I ran off the field with one finger held high in the air, having led my team to victory. Suddenly I realized it was my dad, not the crowd, calling my name, telling me it was time to go.

An hour had passed, but I felt like we had just arrived. We stepped out of the air-conditioned coach's, office into the stale August central Alabama air and the soured smell was intensified. Again I lost myself in dreams of running down that long hallway and out onto the field as the band played and the fans cheered. It was almost intoxicating.

We stopped at the door leading out into the bright sun as dad and the coach exchanged pleasantries. I, still lost in thought, never heard the coach as he spoke to me. "Hey, little man, don't be beatin up on your brother here. We're gonna need him for the big Mcadory game." I gave him no response, so he repeated. "I say, son.....we're gonna need him for the big Mcadory game."

My brother began to panic, knowing the coach was going to think his little brother was a moron. Again the coach repeated himself, and again I was still somewhere on another planet and said nothing. My father's blood pressure couldn't take any more. He put his hand on my shoulder, squeezed, and gave me one of the signals. "Ken what do you say to the man?" Immediately I was brought back to reality. I quickly responded to the prompt dad had given. I very politely said, "Thaaank you".

My brother turned pale and walked quietly back into the locker room. My dad searched for something to say to make his idiot son's response seem appropriate, and the coach just stared at me rather puzzled "like a calf looking at a new gate". I sheepishly grinned and turned to walk back to the car and await my fate. I guess my dad figured that I had suffered enough humiliation for one day because the soap never came. My brother, however, has never let me forget it.

Many times in our spiritual lives we get caught daydreaming. We get so absorbed in what we plan to do for God that we don't listen to Him tell us what He wants us to do. Often His plans are quite different than ours. Unfortunately, when we don't stop and listen, we miss out on some of the blessings He has in store for us, and we might eat some soap in the process. "A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps" (Proverbs 16:9). Or as the Psalmist put it.. "Be still and know that I am God..." (Psalm 46:10).

CHURCH NEWS

Ladies retreat set for Sept. 21-22 at Elba Deliverance Tabernacle

Elba Deliverance Tabernacle Ladies Retreat "Redeeming the Time" will be Friday, Sept. 21, and Saturday, Sept. 22nd. This is the 5th annual Ladies Retreat.

Sis. Annie Walker will be speaking Friday night. Service begins at 7:30 p.m. Sis. Ovalee Sims is the speaker for Saturday's serv-

ice, beginning at 10:30 a.m. A free meal will be served after each service. There is no fee to attend; however, those spending the night Friday night will be responsible for their own place to stay.

Elba Deliverance Tabernacle is located at 2049 Taylor Mill Road, Elba.

Old Gospel Singers set for perform Sept. 30th at Pleasant Ridge Church

Pleasant Ridge Church, located on Coffee County Road 228, near the Victoria community, is planning a 5th Sunday Night Gospel

Singing for Sunday, Sept. 30, beginning at 5 p.m.

Featured singers will be Old Southern Gospel. All invited to attend.

Country Cathedral welcomes Gold City in concert on Oct. 4th

Gold City will be in concert at Country Cathedral on Thursday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m.

There is no admission

charge, however a love offering will be received.

The church is located on U. S. Hwy. 84 West, five miles East of Opp. Ala.

Pastor Sam Self to be guest speaker at Saturday, Oct. 6, program in Ozark

The Harvest is planning a Tailgate Supper event Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Dale County Ag-Plex Arena in Ozark, Ala., and Basin Baptist Church pastor Dr. Sam Self is set to be the Evangelical Speaker.

The event begins at 6 p.m. and is for all ages. Worship will be led by Christian, country group Summit Trace.

Contact Tim Beasock at 334-494-5919 for more information.

Donations accepted for upkeep of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church cemetery

Anyone with loved ones buried in the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery can make a one-time or monthly donation to help with the upkeep of the cemetery.

Donations can be sent to: Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 7638 Highway 87, Elba, AL 36323. Designate it to the cemetery fund.

All help is appreciated in helping keep the cemetery looking nice and clean.

Area revival underway at Mt. Olive Baptist Church on Tuesday nights

Mt. Olive Baptist Church continues it's annual area revival on Tuesday nights through Oct. 2nd. The services are at 7 p.m. each Tuesday night at Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

The remaining schedule and lead church for each evening is as follows:

Sept. 25th - New Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rev. Randall Pearson

Oct. 2nd - Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church, Rev. Lloyd D. Snellgrove

Mt. Olive Baptist Church is located at 7980 Hwy. 141 in the Pine Level

Round and About

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Scripture: The eternity of God and man's frailty [Psalm 90: 1-17]

Thinking of You! Praying for You!

Andrews/Brown Families, Buford Tillis Family, Nicole Duncan, Mamie Belcher, Min. Robert Edwards, Kathy Johnson, Pastor John Lawrence, Alice Musgrove, Tiffney Kelley

August Birthdays / Anniversary

Chasi Williams Hargrett 8/21
Marcus Tillis 8/23
Donald & Barbara K Smith 8/25 W.A.
Tame Quest Jones 8/25
Allan J. Belcher 8/26
Jimmy Hooks 8/27
Lauren Rogers 8/28
Lydia Bennett 8/29
Lance Cross 8/30
Joyce S. Jones 8/31

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 9-20-18

Q: After God had fed the Israelites with manna, what were they to do? (offer sacrifices), (bless the Lord)
A: They were to bless the Lord [read Deuteronomy 8: 10]

Thought to Remember

Life is simple it's just not easy

Question for the Week of 9-27-18

Q: To whom does God show preference, according to the beginning of Psalm 73?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Church News

is due on
Monday!

Men's Ministries of Zion Chapel Baptist hosting Ladies Clay Shoot

The Men's Ministries of Zion Chapel Baptist Church will host a Ladies Clay Shoot Competition Sunday, Sept. 30, on the premises of Zion Chapel Baptist Church. Practice starts at 2:30

p.m. with the competition at 3:30 p.m. The church will welcome guest speaker Ginger Gaines at 5 p.m.

There will be boiled peanuts and homemade ice cream.

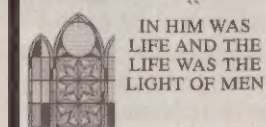
All are invited to attend.

Basin Baptist plans 'movie night' for Fifth Sunday

On Sunday evening, Sept. 30 [Fifth Sunday], Basin Baptist Church members will enjoy a movie and finger foods in the fellowship hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. Members are planning to watch "I Can Only Imagine" that evening.

Basin Baptist Church is located at 9757 Highway 189 S, Elba. Everyone is invited.

Church Directory



IN HIM WAS
LIFE AND THE
LIGHT OF MEN

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn, Sr. Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST
Rev. Remonia Smith
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills-Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship... 9:45 a.m.
Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan-Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EATON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
Rev. David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner-Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Michael Woodham, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH.
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

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HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
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Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
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Matthew Morris, Pastor
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Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
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Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
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Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

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Shane Thompson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
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Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
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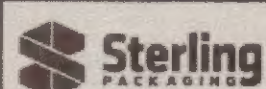
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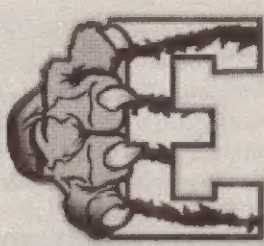
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Six Elba students named to CCYLP class for 2018-2019

Six students from Elba High School were named Thursday, Sept. 13, to be a part the Coffee County Youth Leadership Program's class for the 2018-2019 school year.

Elba juniors named to the CCYLP class are: Kymbria Bimbo, Levi Carnley, Lauren Haley, Lynsey Manning, Isaac Watkins, and Elizabeth Woodham.

CCYLP is a program that teaches high school juniors how to be active leaders,

whether they are at home, school, or their community. Students had to apply for a spot in CCYLP, which included getting teacher recommendations, writing an essay, and completing an interview.

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Zalie McKelvy, Adalyn O'Neal, Destinee Tidwell and Danielle Tidwell work on door decorations for Homecoming Week at Elba High School.

Elba High gears up for Homecoming Week!

Elba High School's halls are geared up for Homecoming Week, which began Monday, Sept. 17, 2018.

Teachers and students prepared their doors for the annual door spirit contest. Judging for the doors was held Tuesday, Sept. 18, after school.

Students also have been working this week on decorating their class and group floats for the annual Homecoming Parade, and getting their outfits ready for the dress up days.

Dress Up Days for Homecoming were:

Monday: Homerun - Jersey Day

Tuesday: Make Yourself at Home - PJ Day

Wednesday: Match with Your Homies - Twin Day

Thursday: Home Away from Home - Tacky Tourist Day

Friday: Home Sweet Home - School Colors

The annual Homecoming Bonfire is set for Thursday, Sept. 16, in downtown Elba, and Homecoming Day will be packed with great events.



Freeda Hooks helps prepare decorations for Homecoming Week at Elba High School.

The coronation of the Homecoming Court will be at 9 a.m. on Friday. The public is invited to attend.

At 1 p.m. there will be an Honored Class Tea for the graduating class of 1988. The parade will begin at 3 pm.

The Homecoming Court

will be presented before the game at 6:30, and kickoff for the Homecoming game against Florala is for 7 p.m. The Homecoming Dance will immediately follow the football game.

Please join EHS in celebrating Homecoming Week!



Ralston Moore presents the "Player of the Week" award to Alex Wright

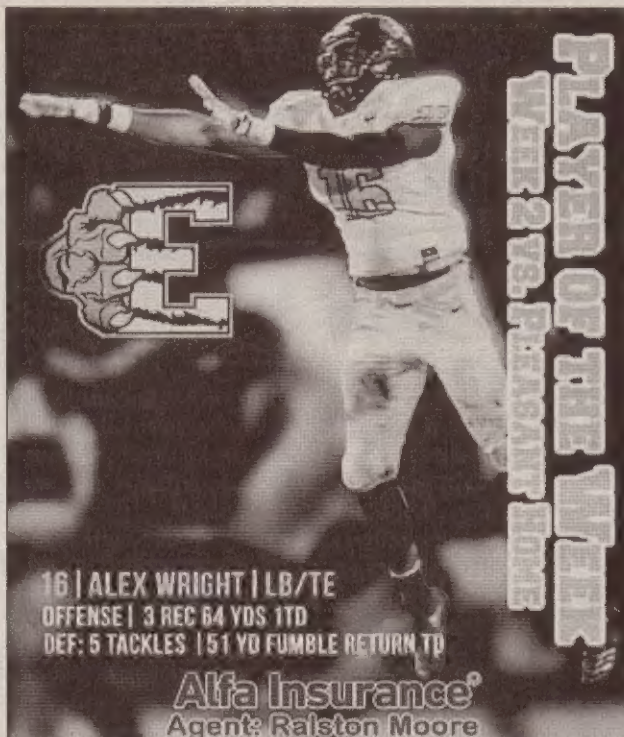
EHS alumnus recognizes "Player of the Week" for Tigers

Local ALFA Insurance agent Ralston Moore is sponsoring a "Player of the Week" each week for the 2018 Elba High School football team.

Moore is a 2004 graduate of Elba High School where he played linebacker and tight end for the Tigers.

Moore says the player of the week is someone who displays good sportsmanship, plays with great effort, and does everything to the best of his ability. He wants to recognize a player each week, "because these guys work hard all week and the ones that display excellence in character and athletic ability on the field deserve credit."

He added, "Plus, I feel it will mean more to them as they get older and look back on their playing days. It gives them extra motivation to be the best Elba Tiger they can be."



Alfa's Player of the Week...Alfa's Player of the Week is Alex Wright. Alex is a senior who plays both linebacker and tight-end for the Elba Tigers.



Elba Elementary School librarian Katie Harrison (right) is shown with fifth grade students Cheyenne Bowman and Liola Evans.

EES students have more independence in library

The students at Elba Elementary School are experiencing new independence in the library this year.

In the past, the students have returned their library books by dropping them in a drop box for the librarian to check in. This year, they are scanning their own books to check them back into the library.

The students seem to enjoy the sense of ownership of the library this practice gives

them, but it also helps free up some time for the librarian to help students find the books they want to read. Several students, who like to help, make sure every student who comes in the library gets his or her books scanned in properly.

Many students have even asked if they can scan their books when they are checking out. That is something EES might implement as the school year progresses.

Support Elba Recreation with purchase of pizza

Now through the end of October, supporters of the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation can help Elba's youth sports simply by eating pizza!

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Recreation Department in support of the youth sports.

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ELBA SCHOOLS HAPPENINGS

• **Thursday, Sept. 20** - Elba High School Homecoming Bonfire at 7 p.m. in downtown Elba at Tiger Town Park. Parking at Tiger Town Park and the old football stadium.

• **Friday, Sept. 21** - Elba High School Homecoming with Coronation/Pep Rally at 9 a.m. at Tiger Stadium; Honored Class Tea for Class of 1988 at 1 p.m.; Homecoming Parade at 3 p.m. in downtown Elba; Homecoming Football game at 7 p.m.

• **Saturday, Sept. 29** - The Elba Marching Tiger Band will participate in two marching festivals this day. The band will perform at the Daleville Band Invitational at 2:20 p.m. and then will travel to Rehobeth to perform in that marching festival at 7:20 p.m.



Elba JV Tiger Malachi Washington (8) is off and running Monday, Sept. 10, in action against the Kinston JV Bulldogs. Elba defeated Kinston 24-0 in a shortened game that was called at halftime due to bad weather.

Elba JV Tigers remain undefeated

The Elba JV Tigers have continued to enjoy success on the gridiron this season.

On Tuesday, Sept. 4, the JV Tigers took on the Pike County JV Bulldogs and came home with a 14-6 victory for win #2 of the season. The Tigers made it 3-0 with a victory over the Kinston JV team on Monday, Sept. 13th. This game was shortened by the officials after bad weather

moved in at halftime, and they called the game.

On Monday, Sept. 17, the JV Tigers took on Arton, and came home with their fourth win on the season. It was a close one, but the Tigers won 14-10.

Elba is now 4-0 on the season with three games left.

The JV Tigers play host to Kinston on Monday evening, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m.

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SPORTS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson got to do the limbo at a recent Elba pep rally and while we were shocked he even knew what the limbo was, he made it under the pole every time he tried and was all smiles as the large crowd voiced its appreciation. It still amazes me just what this little guy knows at the ripe old age of eight!

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Tigers improved their record to 3-0** and moved to 2-0 in region play last weekend with a big 38-6 road win over Kinston. The Tigers scored on their first four possessions to open up a comfortable halftime lead, and after adding a score on their first series of the second half turned things over to the junior high Tigers to mop up the win. The Elba offense rolled up over 400 yards in the win and was led by senior running back Richmon Singletary, who rushed for over 200 yards and scored four touchdowns, while 8th grader JT Coleman had a big night and scored on a 39-yard fourth quarter gallop and senior quarterback Byron Johnson again hooked up with 6'6" receiver Alex Wright for a long touchdown play. The Elba defense continued to show improvement as it limited the Bulldogs to only one score and harassed Kinston's runners throughout the night. Larry Burks had a big night at the line of scrimmage and was an immovable object in the middle of the line, while Dezmon Roberson made tackles all over the field and the secondary appeared to be more comfortable with its newly installed system. While the Tigers are 3-0, it is obvious that they are still a work in progress and hopefully the best is yet to come!

*** **It was another so-so week** for the rest of the teams in the area as Brantley and New Brockton posted wins and Kinston and Zion Chapel both saw gallant efforts come up short.

* **Brantley made the trip down to Florala** and posted a surprisingly easy 34-6 win over the Florala Wildcats. The Bulldogs have been ranked in the 'Top 5' in Class 1A for much of the season and looked like a 1A title contender in claiming the big road win.

* **New Brockton snapped a three-game skid** with a solid 46-12 region win over Central. The Gamecocks went to the air in the win and connected on four TD tosses to take charge as they pumped new life into their playoff plans.

* **Kinston battled for all four quarters** and never backed down in a 38-6 region loss to Elba. The Bulldogs were obviously outmatched by the speed of their opponents, but refused to throw in the towel and fought until the final horn.

* **Zion Chapel fell behind 41-0 by the end of the half** and had little to play for but pride, but showed that 'Rebel Pride' is still alive and well as the Rebels scored two second half touchdowns and played hard until the final horn against a quality opponent.

*** **It was another wild week across the state** and a couple of teams made the headlines for the first time in a while as Bullock County snapped its 59-game region losing streak with a 22-17 win over Dadeville, Linden snapped Maplesville's 54-game region winning streak with a 38-27 win, and Hewitt-Trussville dropped 7A Hoover to 2-2 on the year with a big 56-28 win. As long as the scoreboard reads 0-0 at the start of the game, anything can and usually will happen!

Now a look at the action in the seven classifications:

* **Class 1A** – Top-ranked Lanett made it look easy in a 48-0 romp over Autaugaville, while #2 Maplesville was knocked off by #3 Linden and fourth-ranked Marengo blanked Fruitdale 46-0. In action a little closer to home, Red Level continued to bounce back from last seasons 0-10 campaign with a 15-14 win over Pleasant Home, Georgiana pounded McKenzie 55-0 and Sweet Water showed signs of life in a 34-6 win over Miltry.

* **Class 2A** – Top-ranked Fyffe outscored #10 Collinsville 54-24 and #2 Luverne coasted past Zion Chapel 47-14, while a little closer to home #9 Goshen blanked Samson 18-0 with a pair of interceptions returned for touchdowns, Abbeville continued to roll with a big 32-7 win over Geneva County, Arifton spanked Houston County 34-0, Highland Home whipped up on Calhoun 56-0 and Daleville got in the win column with a solid 32-8 win over G.W. Long.

* **Class 3A** – Top-ranked Randolph County lost to #3 Piedmont 27-22, while #2 Saks rolled past Walter Wellborn 42-13 and #5 Thomasville blanked Bayside 22-0. A little closer to home, Slocumb bounced back with a key 21-6 road win over Straughn, Providence Christian remained unbeaten with a 35-12 win over Wicksburg, and Pike County got its second straight region win with a 27-22 win over Geneva.

* **Class 4A** – Top-ranked UMS-Wright blanked Williamson 19-0, #2 Hokes Bluff whipped Oneonta 49-7 and third-ranked Hillcrest shut out Escambia County 27-0, while closer to home Headland kept on rolling with a 42-13 romp past Trinity, Andalusia cruised past Monroe County 48-0 and #10 Dale County got drubbed by Ashford 39-14.

* **Class 5A** – Top-ranked Briarwood defeated Woodlawn 46-0 and #2 Etowah blanked Sardis 36-0, while closer to home #4 Carroll saw its 25-game regular season winning streak snapped by Tallassee 24-21, Greenville battled past Valley 14-7 and Charles Henderson fell behind 55-0 at the half and lost to 6A Oxford 62-0.

* **Class 6A** – Top-ranked Wetumpka outscored Opelika 30-28 and #3 Pinson Valley rolled over #4 Clay Chalkville 28-21, while closer to home Eufaula lost to Lanier 22-20 on a last second field goal, Northview lost to Park Crossing 18-10 and Dothan posted a big win over Russell County.

* **Class 7A** – Top-ranked Hoover was blasted by #5 Hewitt-Trussville 56-28 and #2 Central of Phenix City pounded Prattville 49-6, while closer to home Enterprise was shocked by Smiths Station 22-16 as its region woes continued.

*** **It was a wild week among the college teams** in the

state as Alabama scored almost at will in a 62-7 win over Ole Miss, Troy held on late to shock Nebraska 24-19 and Auburn wasted a 21-10 lead in a surprising 22-21 loss to LSU. The Crimson Tide gave up an early score and then scored 62 straight points on a night the Tide could have possibly scored in triple digits, the Trojans built a big lead early and made it hold up in a huge road win for the program, and the Tigers simply let one slip away at home as they lost to the Bayou Bengals for the second straight season.

*** **Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator** was shaking his head when he dropped by the office over the weekend about the number of points scored by Alabama in its win over Ole Miss and about Elba playing another half using eight-minute quarters in its region win over Kinston. While the big Bama win made him smile, the shortened second halves didn't make him a happy camper and caused him to question a coach's loyalty to his players. Oh well, the local guesspert hit on 26 of his 34 picks last week to move his season totals to 82-24, and then dropped off this week's fearless forecast with a pledge to keep on improving each and every week. Here are this week's picks....

ELBA VS. FLORALA

The Pea River felines finally get the chance to play on the friendly turf on Mack Wood Field and are hoping to do their part to make it a happy homecoming for all the alumni headed back home. The kitties from near the state line are a dangerous batch and have been known to leave more than a few scratches on their victims, but the guess here is that the felines will win the race to the finish line.

ELBA 36 FLORALA 20

NEW BROCKTON VS. GOSHEN

The roosters from over near the bypass could be heard crowing late into the night last week after finally posting a win, and have plans to crow even louder this week after a big region match-up against a flock of birds expected to fill the trees around the stadium on Friday night. I'm not sure if chirps can drown out a roosters crowing, but we may find out this week.

GOSHEN 27 NEW BROCKTON 24

BRANTLEY VS. GEORGIANA

The bulldogs from up across the river will hit the road this week for a showdown against a litter of kitties that have scarred the 'dogs up a bit in recent years. While the kitties may not be quite as scary as in years past, they will be at home near the tunnel and will defend their turf. I

believe the 'dogs bite is worse than their bark. In an upset....

BRANTLEY 28 GEORGIANA 26

KINSTON VS. RED LEVEL

The bulldogs from down near the county line will head over into the woods in Covington County this weekend hunting for a litter of kitties that have been causing problems for some other region teams. While there is no doubt the 'dogs will find the lair, there is doubt what good it will do. In another upset....

KINSTON 20 RED LEVEL 16

ZION CHAPEL VS. CALHOUN

The troops from up at Fort Jack will be on the trail of a litter of furbearing kitties this weekend looking to add to their cold-weather clothing. It may take a while to make it over to the kitties' den, but once they do the troops should have fun taking target practice.

ZION CHAPEL 38 CALHOUN 6

OTHER PICKS:

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Houston Academy 31 Straughn 16
Hillcrest 22 Andalusia 21
Williamson 33 Monroe County 12
Ashford 27 B.T. Washington 20
Alabama Christian 17 Dale County 14
Greenville 40 Rehobeth 8
Central 42 Opelika 10
Prattville 31 Enterprise 21
Auburn 17 Jeff Davis 7

Elba celebrates homecoming

All area teams brace for key region foes as season nears midway mark

The "Region Wars" continue this week for teams in the area with two teams playing at home and the other three hitting the road in key mid-season region match-ups.

Following are highlights of this week's action:

Florala at Elba

The (3-0) Elba Tigers will be looking to put on a show for the returning alumni Friday night when they celebrate homecoming against the (1-3) Florala Wildcats.

The all-time series is tied at 14-14-4, with the Wildcats winning the last meeting 13-12 way back in 1975.

Elba has averaged 40 points per game in opening the season with three straight wins and sits atop the region standings with a 2-0 slate, while Florala stands 0-2 in the region race and after a season opening 51-9 win over St. Michael's has dropped three straight games to Cottage Hill 42-14, Georgiana 35-28 and Brantley 34-6.

"Florala is the best region opponent we have faced this season and will challenge us on both sides of the ball, especially on defense," stated Elba's Coach Pate Harrison. "They like to spread it out and have a quarterback that reads defenses well and can move the ball all over the field. Florala likes to move the chains with short passes, like screens and quick passes in the flats. However, they can go deep at any time and have some quality receivers that can take it to the endzone from anywhere on the field. They also have a really good running back that transferred in from a school in Florida and he may be the best back we have seen this season! Florala has been slowed down by injuries in a couple of games, but they are back at full strength and we know we will have a lot of work to do on defense to get ready."

"Over on defense they are solid and like to blitz from the linebacker position," added Coach Harrison. "They are extremely quick, pursue the football and are very aggressive. Their players are having fun hitting folks and are just very aggressive on every play and love to hit."

"If we are going to pick up a big region win we will have to continue to improve on both sides of the ball and be smart, but aggressive on every snap," said Harrison. "On offense we will need to continue to learn the system, recognize what the defense gives us and take advantage of what they give us. Our line play has been improving steadily and will play a big role in our success with the running game, and in the backfield we need to run hard, hit our holes and play at full speed on every play. Our defense is in for a challenge and will have to do what they are told and not make mistakes in coverage. We know they will throw the ball all over the field to their speedy receivers and then hit you with their running back. So, we will just have to play smart, stay in position and try to dominate the game from the start. This is going to be a very good test for our team and while it will be our homecoming and there will be distractions, our job is to win the football game and that is what we will prepare to do every day in practice."

When asked about last week's 38-6 region win over Kinston, Coach Harrison stated "It was another region win on the road and I think we took a step forward in a lot of places. The offense scored on its first four possessions to open up a lead, we were able to take charge at the line of scrimmage and despite the penalties were able to keep our composure and play hard. A lot of players got to get in the game, which is great for moral and as far as experience goes, and also from the standpoint we got to rest a lot of starters. The season is still young and we have some really big games just around the corner, and by resting the starters we can keep them fresh and hungry. The win was a big one in that it was a region game against a cross-coun-

ty rival, and kept the season on track."

Kinston at Red Level

Two teams looking to keep their playoff hopes will tangle Friday night at Red Level when the (0-3) Kinston Bulldogs meet the resurgent (2-1) Red Level Tigers.

Red Level leads the all-time series 12-7, while Kinston won the last meeting 44-0 last season.

The Bulldogs have scored only six points over the past two weeks due to key injuries and have allowed an average of 38 points per game in their three losses, while the Tigers have won two straight region games over McKenzie 12-6 and Pleasant Home 15-14 after a season opening loss to Zion Chapel 40-33.

Zion Chapel at Calhoun

The (1-2) Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to even its record and pick up a key region win on the road Friday night when they head to Lowndes County to battle the (0-3) Calhoun Tigers.

Zion Chapel leads the all-time series 6-2 and won last year's meeting 22-0.

The Rebels have scored an average of 20 points per game this season, but has allowed 45 points per game, while the Tigers are mired in a 34 game losing streak and have been outscored 184-0 in their three losses this season.

Goshen at New Brockton

Two playoff veterans will butt heads this week a Gamecock Stadium when the (1-3) New Brockton Gamecocks host the (2-1) Goshen Eagles.

New Brockton leads the all-time series 15-11, while Goshen posted a big 38-14 win a year ago.

The Gamecocks have scored an average of 20 points per game and allowed 33 points per outing this season, while the Eagles are on a two-game winning streak with wins over Zion Chapel 55-6 and Samson 18-0, after a season opening loss to Arifton 29-6.

Brantley at Georgiana

It will be a battle of 1A region powers Friday night in Georgiana when the (3-0) Brantley Bulldogs challenge the three-time defending region champion (3-1) Georgiana Panthers.

Georgiana leads the all-time series 22-11-2 and posted a hard fought 26-15 win last season.

The Bulldogs are scoring at a 36 points per game clip in rolling to three straight wins and have allowed only eight points per game, while the Panthers have posted wins over St. Luke's 47-24, Florala 35-28 and McKenzie 55-0, while falling to Luverne 26-12.

Kickoffs for all games is set for 7:00 pm.

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SPORTS



Elba Tiger Keyonta Fitzpatrick (6) breaks through to block a punt in first quarter action last week in the Tigers 38-6 win over Kinston. The blocked punt set up the Tigers first score of the night.



Elba Tiger assistant coach Al Gilmore gives a high five as Tiger standout Richmon Singletary (5) returns to sidelines after scoring one of his four touchdowns in last week's 38-6 win over Kinston.



Elba Tiger Trenton Sanders (14) drags down a Kinston runner for a short gain in last week's 38-6 region win over the Bulldogs.



Elba Marching Tigers keep their eyes on the field as the Tigers roll up another win. The Elba band wowed the crowd at Kinston with a spectacular halftime performance.



Elba Tiger JT Coleman (80) cuts outside and finds room to run on a 39-yard touchdown dash in the fourth quarter of last week's 38-6 region win over Kinston.

In 38-6 region win Tigers bully 'dogs

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers scored on their first four offensive series to grab a 26-0 lead and coasted in with a 38-6 region win over the Kinston Bulldogs, Friday night at Bulldog Stadium.

Elba began its first offensive series of the game at the Kinston 42-yardline after Keyonta Fitzpatrick broke through to block a Kinston punt, and from there it took the Tigers only three plays to score their first points of the night.

Richmon Singletary got the call on three straight running plays and scored the Tiger touchdown on an 8-yard run, and Ja'Quez Prince kicked the extra-point to put Elba on top 7-0 with 6:36 remaining in the opening quarter.

Elba began its next possession at its own 24-yardline after a failed fourth down gamble by the Bulldogs and once again needed only three plays to strike paydirt!

The second score of the quarter came when Byron Johnson connected with Alex Wright on a crossing pattern over the middle and the speedy Tiger receiver outran the Bulldog secondary to complete a 62-yard Tiger touchdown. Prince booted the extra point as the Tigers lead grew to 14-0 with 4:27 left in the quarter.

Elba's next offensive series started at its own 40-yardline after another fourth down gamble failed to pay off for Kinston, and this time the Tigers covered the 60 yards to the endzone in 10 plays to add to their lead.

Byron Johnson completed a pair of passes to Ja'Quez Prince for a total of 18 yards to help lead the Tigers down the field, while Richmon Singletary rushed for 47 yards on four carries and scored the touchdown on a 9-yard run off tackle. The extra point try was blocked, but with 9:50 left in the second quarter the Tigers lead was up to 20-0.

Kinston continued to roll the dice on fourth down gambles on its ensuing possession and continued to roll craps as Elba began its next possession at its own 40-yardline after a fourth down pass missed its target.

Two plays later the Tigers were back on the scoreboard as Richmon Singletary took a handoff and weaved his way through the Kinston defense on a 60-yard scoring scamper. A two-point pass failed to produce points, but with 4:08 left in the second quarter Elba was in command with a 26-0 lead.

Kinston was down big, but refused to throw in the towel and on its ensuing possession the Bulldogs went 60 yards in five plays to get on the scoreboard. A roughing the kicker penalty against Elba on fourth down kept the drive alive early, while Colby Copeland took over from there as he completed a 40-yard pass on a run-pass option and then on the next play plowed over from two yards out. A two-point pass missed its target, but with 4:08 remaining in the half Kinston had cut the Elba advantage to 26-6.

Elba received the second half kickoff and needed only two plays to cover 53 yards to the endzone, as Richmon Singletary scored his fourth touchdown of the night, this time on a 37-yard dash down the sidelines. The extra point try again failed, but the Tigers were on top 32-6 over the Bulldogs with 6:48 remaining in the eight minute third quarter.

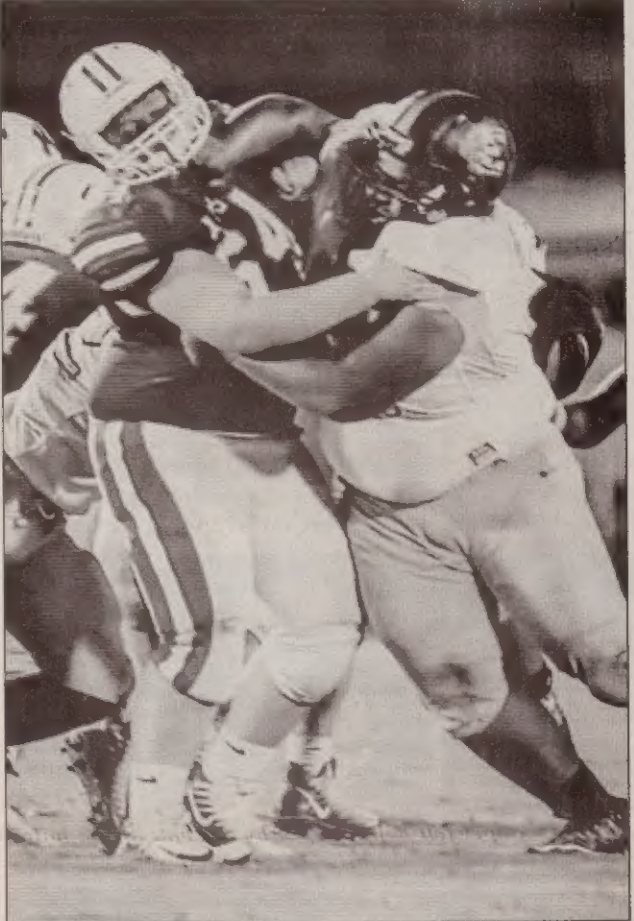
Elba's Byron Burks and Carson Wise led the Tigers to the Kinston 15-yardline on its next possession before turning the ball over on downs. However, the Tigers got the ball right back at the Kinston 39-yardline after a pass interception and one play later put its final points of the night on the scoreboard on a winding 39-yard touchdown gallop by JT Coleman. A two-point pass failed to produce points, but with 7:14 left on the clock the Tigers had wrapped up win #3 with a 38-6 road win over the Bulldogs.

Richmon Singletary rushed for 216 yards and 4 touchdowns on 12 carries to spark the Elba offensive attack, while JT Coleman added 67 yards and one td on six carries, Byron Burks added 33 yards on seven carries and Byron Johnson completed 4 of 9 passes for 97 yards and one td, with Alex Wright pulling in a 62-yard td toss.

Kinston was led on offense by Austin Calhoun with 47 yards rushing on 7 carries, while Wyatt Taylor added 18 yards on 12 carries and Colby Copeland rushed for a 4-yard score and completed 1 of 3 passes for 38 yards.

The yardstick....

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15	1st Downs	5
29-346	Rushes-Yds.	32-57
97	Passing Yds.	38
443	Total Offense	95
4-12-0	Passes	1-5-1
0/0	Fumbles/Lost	0/0
1-37	Punts-Ave.	4-19
14-130	Penalties-Yds.	4-35



Elba Tiger Larry Burks (79) and Kinston Bulldog Jakin Kirkland (54) battled throughout the game to control the line of scrimmage.



Elba Tiger Alex Wright (16) heads for the endzone on a 62-yard pass play after pulling in a pass in last week's 38-6 win over Kinston.



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SPORTS

Grab region win Gamecocks claw Lions 46-12

Statistics by Speedy White
Photos by Linda Hodge

The New Brockton Gamecocks snapped an early-season victory drought Friday night with

an impressive 46-12 region win over the Central Lions, in front of a large and loud crowd at Gamecock Stadium. New Brockton received the opening kickoff and

wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as Kaden Cupp capped off a short scoring march with a 13-yard touchdown toss to Bryce Baker. The extra-point try failed, but with 10:20 still left in the opening quarter the Gamecocks were off and running with a 6-0 lead.

The Gamecocks lead grew to 8-0 with 2:04 remaining in the quarter when Mason Adams tackled a Lion ball carrier in the endzone for a safety, and the lead went to 15-0 only a minute later when Andrew Simon pulled in a 13-yard td toss from Cupp. Brandon McCoy kicked the extra-point, and with 1:03 left in the first quarter New Brockton was already in command with a 15-0 lead.

The Gamecocks regained possession after a Central punt and continued to burn the Lions through the airways as Kaden Cupp connected with Russell Weeks from six yards out to cap off the short scoring drive. McCoy booted the extra-point as New Brockton's lead grew to 22-0 with 9:20 left in the second quarter.

New Brockton's ensuing possession started at the Central 31-yardline after a punt was partially blocked by Cameron Davis, and five plays later the Gamecocks were right back in the endzone. The score came on a 2-yard run by Kyan Home, and McCoy was true with the extra-point as New Brockton opened up a 29-0 lead with 4:31 remaining in the half.

Central cut the Gamecock advantage to 29-6 late in the half when the Lions returned a fumble 70 yards for a touchdown. However, New Brockton had an immediate answer for the score as on the final play of the half Kaden Cupp connected with Colton Marsh with a 60-yard touchdown pass. Brandon McCoy added the extra-point, and at halftime the Gamecocks went in with a commanding 36-6 lead.

A pass interception by New Brockton's Willie Wilkerson set the Gamecocks up near mid-field early in the third quarter, and from there it took only four plays to reach the endzone. The score came on a 41-yard touchdown pass from Kaden Cupp to Andrew Simon, and McCoy added the extra-point as New Brockton's lead grew to 43-6 with 8:52 remaining in the quarter.

New Brockton's next offensive series began at its own 34-yardline following a stop by the Gamecock defense, and the Gamecocks once again headed down the field, this time on an eight-play march that resulted in three points as Brandon McCoy booted a 27-yard field goal that extended the lead to 46-6.

Central added a score late in the game after a New Brockton fumble, but it made no difference anywhere except on the scoreboard as the Gamecocks posted the big 46-12 region win.

Kaden Cupp completed 13 of 18 passes for 237 yards and 4 touchdowns to spark the New Brockton offense, while Drew Simon rushed for 90 yards and 1 td on 10 carries, Kyan Home rushed for 57 yards and 1 td on 8 carries, and Simon, Bryce Baker, Colton Marsh and Russell Weeks all caught td passes.

Hunter Wallace had 7 tackles to lead the Gamecock defense, while Drew Cashin and Brandon McCoy both had 5 stops and Willie Wilkerson and Dalton Shehee both had interceptions.

New Brockton will host the Goshen Eagles Friday night in a key region clash.


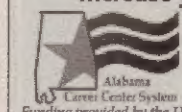


New Brockton Gamecock Colton Marsh (3) heads upfield after pulling in this pass 60-yard touchdown pass late in the first half of last week's 46-12 win over Central.



New Brockton's "Gamecock" had plenty to crow about last week in New Brockton's big 46-12 region win over Central.

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New Brockton Gamecock Brandon McCoy (50) kicked five of six extra points and added a 27-yard field goal last week in a big 46-12 region win over Central. This week the Gamecocks will host Goshen.



Zion Chapel Rebel cheerleaders kept the spirit Friday night in a 47-14 region loss to Luverne. This week the cheerleaders will travel to Calhoun and help keep spirits high in a region clash with the Tigers.

In region action Rebels mauled by Tigers 47-14

From combined reports
Photos by Linda Hodge

The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind early and never caught up Friday night in a 47-14 region loss to the second-ranked Luverne Tigers, at Green Memorial Stadium, in Jack.

Luverne exploded early and lit up the scoreboard as the Tigers scored four touchdowns in the opening quarter to grab a 28-0 lead.

Satlyer Wilson ignited the early Tiger fireworks with a 3-yard scoring run, while Tae Brantley tossed a 10-yard touchdown pass to Edwards Thomas and Wilson later added a 48-yard punt return for a score as Luverne took command early.

The Tigers added two more touchdowns in the second quarter on a 70-yard dash by Wilson and an 8-yard td toss from Tanner Simmons to Edward Thomas to put Luverne on top 41-0 at halftime.

Zion Chapel's Nathan Green brought the Rebel fans to their feet with a 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown that put the Rebels on the scoreboard. However, Luverne answered with a 70-yard scoring dash by Darius Magwood to push its lead to 47-7, and while the Rebels did add a late score, it was too little, too late, as the visiting Tigers left with the big 47-14 region win.

Satlyer Wilson rushed for 105 yards and 2 touchdowns on six carries and returned a punt for a score to spark the Luverne offense, as the Tigers rolled up 306 yards in total offense and limited the Rebels to only 66 total yards.



Zion Chapel Rebel Aaron Senn (1) tries to pull away from a Luverne defender in last week's region loss to the Tigers.



Zion Chapel Rebel Hunter Sheets (24) fights for extra yardage in last week's region contest against Luverne. The Rebels will travel to Calhoun Friday night in region action.

SPORTS

Jug fishing can produce plenty of Alabama River catfish for state anglers

By DAVID RAINER
Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

The ripples emanating from the sides of the 2-foot-long piece of pool noodle was just what Joe Dunn hoped to see. It meant there was something attached to the line that dropped some 15 feet into the murky waters of the Alabama River near Camden.

During the dog days of summer, this fishing tactic is what Dunn prefers because the heat makes it unbearable to crappie fish in hopes of catching seven or eight keepers. The same goes for bass fishing.

So, Dunn turns to the plentiful catfish that inhabit Alabama's many rivers, and lets the jugs, or noodles in this case, do the fishing while he enjoys a restful night of sleep. If he's ambitious, he'll run the 20 or so jugs during the night. If not, he'll head out at dawn to find out what's been biting.

Catching bait might be the only real work involved in "jug" fishing.

"The predominant bait on Millers Ferry is going to be shad that you catch with your cast net," Dunn said. "But skipjacks (members of the herring family) are another excellent bait. It's a little harder, sometimes, to catch skipjacks. Most people use Sabiki rigs and go behind the power house to catch the skipjacks. But sometimes there's another way to catch them. If you're on the river, sometimes you will see skipjacks chasing little river minnows or small shad. You ease over into that area, and when they come up to feed, you throw your cast net and load it up with skipjacks. We did that just the other day with the cast net.

"The key is good, fresh bait."

Dunn says the best way to deal with leftover skipjacks is to freeze them as soon as possible.

"Freezing skipjacks in water doesn't work well," he said. "When you thaw them out, they're all mushy and just don't work well. I found out if you put them on a cookie sheet and freeze them individually before putting them in freezer bags, they work a lot better. That's a big plus."

When Dunn is targeting flathead catfish, he tries to catch small bream to bait the jugs. Flathead, also known as yellow cats, prefer the bait to be live and swimming.

"Most of the time, flatheads are going to hit something live, whether it's a 3-inch bream (taken by hook and line) or a skipjack you've just caught in the cast net," he said. "If you have a good live skipjack, you just hook him in the middle of the back so he can swim and stay alive."

"If you're looking for a mess of small fish for a fish fry, just use those small shad and thread them on the hook. If you're keying on bigger fish, you're better off with a live bait, even your bigger blue cats like live bait."

Most people tend to shun keeping a larger blue cat because the flesh is not as suitable for consumption as any size flathead. However, Dunn said large blue cats can be delicious if they're prepared correctly.

"The key is learning how to clean them to where they taste good," he said. "It's best to bleed them. I cut the tail off and throw them in the splash well. When I clean them, I get all the red meat off, and then I soak the meat in an ice-water slush. You soak it and get all the blood out, changing the water when needed to get that meat snowball white."

"Then you fry it, and it's good. I've had people tell me it was the best blue cat they've ever eaten."

Now Dunn is not saying he can make big blue cats taste like a flathead, which doesn't seem to lose any appeal to the palate the larger the fish gets.

"I fried some flathead for my brother, Bubba, and he kept asking me, 'What did you do to this fish? What did you do to this fish?'" Dunn said. "I didn't do anything to it. It was just the fish. The flathead is just the primo catfish catch out of the river."

Dunn said a couple of techniques seem to work when he's specifically targeting flatheads. He focuses on the inside bends in the river and rock walls. At the start of the bend, most will have a small sandbar. He said the flathead like to hang out at the drop-off behind the sandbar.

"They're sitting below that bar where the current is running over the top of them, waiting on that bait to come to them," he said. "I also like to fish where a cut is coming into the main river where the depth goes from 12 to 14 feet down to 30. They like to hang underneath that drop-off. But big blue cats like those spots too."

Even though Millers Ferry has a reputation as a fantastic crappie fishery, Dunn thinks catfish are overlooked at times.

"This is a super good catfish fishery."

Dunn said the hot weather pattern for catfish starts around the middle of June and usually runs through October, depending on when we get enough of a cold front to lower the water temperature.

"The hotter it gets, the more you stay in the main river channel," he said. "I use the noodles because you use a lot longer lines, 15 to 20 feet, and it's easier to wrap the lines around the noodles when I take them up."

When he's targeting the larger fish, Dunn uses a tarred nylon twine for the main lines with a 1½-ounce lead, swivel, monofilament leader and a 5/0 circle hook.

Dunn said the largest flathead catfish he's hauled in at the Ferry weighed 65 pounds, and the largest blue cat he's seen weighed 55 pounds.

For "fry 'em whole" small fish, he uses double-hook rigs with smaller hooks and smaller shad for bait.

"We usually start on February 17," he said. "We've always started on that date because that's my oldest son's birthday. We would come up to the river and get our jugs ready. But that time of year, you go up in the shallow flats. The catfish will move into the shallow flats before anything else."

In February, Dunn changes his "jugs" to 20-ounce drink bottles and 1½- to 2-foot lines with a ½-ounce to 1-ounce weight, swivel and foot of 20-pound-test monofilament leader tied to a 3/0 circle hook.

"That's when I go in places like Gee's Bend, Buzzard's Roost, River Bluff, Alligator," he said. "You just get in the backs of the creeks and throw your jugs out. You can wear them out in the springtime doing that."

Alabama's creel limit on catfish is determined by size. For catfish under 34 inches there is no limit. Anglers can keep one catfish 34 inches or longer in most areas of the state. Several river basins — Perdido, Conecuh, Blackwater, Yellow, Choctawhatchee, Chipola and Chattahoochee — are exempt from the size limit. Also, it is unlawful to transport live catfish 34 inches or longer beyond the boundaries of Alabama.



Elba Lady Tiger Lauren Haley gets under a return and waits to pass the ball back to the front row in recent high school volleyball action. The Lady Tigers had a tough week on the court last week as they dropped matches to Kinston, Zion Chapel and Carroll. Also pictured above is Lady Tiger teammate Maggie Hammonds.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)



BRANTLEY BULLDOGS REMAIN UNDEFEATED.... The Brantley Bulldogs remained undefeated last week with a convincing 34-6 region win over Florala. Pictured above is (left) Brantley quarterback Parker Driggers (2) and (right) Bulldog head coach Roland Jones from early season action.

(Photo by Janet Brunson and Greg Brunson)

JV team remains undefeated while Varsity is 9-2 and ranked #7 in state
Kinston Lady Bulldogs enjoying success on volleyball court

Kinston Volleyball is in middle of the season and is doing well.

The junior varsity remained undefeated as of Sept. 13th while the varsity Lady Bulldogs moved up in the Class 1A state rankings to seventh.

On Thursday, Sept. 6, the Kinston competed against Brantley.

The JV team won the match with two wins 25-15 and 25-10. Abbi Smith had 22 assists and 10 hits while Addison Musgrove had 17 passes and Griffin Holley had 12 serves.

In varsity action, Kinston won the match with three wins 25-21, 25-21 and 25-21.

Kelsi Cardwell had 38 assists; Sarah Beth Long had 15 hits and 17 serves; and Chae Phan had 19 passes.

Kinston defeated the Elba Lady Bulldogs in a Sept. 10th match.

The JV Bulldogs won two games in the match 25-12 and 25-21. Sydney Smith had nine serve, Cadence Elmore had 14 assists and Addison Musgrove accounted for 15 passes.

The Varsity won three games 25-5, 25-11 and 25-16. Sarah Beth Long had 15 passes and 20 assists; Kelsi Cardwell had 19 assists; Faith Peters had 16 serves; and Courtney Lunsford accounted for 12 hits.

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, the Lady Bulldogs faced Pleasant Home with the Junior High, Junior Varsity and Varsity teams all in action.

The Junior High Lady Bulldogs dropped the match winning only one of three sets. They won the first set 25-12 and dropped the next two 22-25 and 12-15.

For the Junior High Bulldogs, Clair McReynolds had 16 serves and eight hits; Rachel Hall had 12 sets; and Destiny Buchanan had 28 passes.

The Junior Varsity team won its match in two sets 25-14 and 25-16.

Sydney Smith accounted for 13 serves and 12 sets; Addison Musgrove had 25 passes; Abbi Smith had 10 hits; and Cadence Elmore had 12 assists.

The Varsity Lady Bulldogs lost the match in three sets 11-25, 24-26 and 5-25.

Courtney Lunsford had 29 passes; Kelsi Cardwell had seven serves, seven hits and 26 sets; Sarah Beth Long had seven serves; and Emma Sutherland had seven serves.

The Lady Bulldogs met Opp in a match on Thursday, Sept. 13, with the Junior Varsity and Varsity adding to the win column, but the Junior High team fell in three sets to the Lady Bobcats.

The Junior High Bulldogs lost the first set 23-25, won the second set 25-12 and fell 12-15 in the third set.

Claire McReynolds led the team with 14 serves, 21 sets, 27 passes and 11 hits. Destiny Buchanan also had 14 serves.

The Junior Varsity Lady Bulldogs remained undefeated on the season by defeating the Lady Bobcats. They won the first set 25-20, dropped the second set 19-25 and won the third set 15-9.

Griffin Holley had 14 passes; Blair Wyrosdick had 18 sets and 16 serves; Abbi Smith had nine hits; and Macie Smith had nine hits.

It took five sets for the Varsity Lady Bulldogs to get the win over Opp. This upped the overall record for the Lady Bulldogs to 9-2 on the season and they currently are ranked #7 in the state for Class 1A.

The varsity dropped the first set 16-25; won the second set 25-19, lost the third set 21-25, and won the last two sets 25-15 and 15-12.

Sarah Beth Long had 16 hits, Faith Peters had 18 serves, and Kelsi Cardwell had 48 assists.

On the season, the Junior High team was 2-3 as of last week and the Junior Varsity team remained undefeated.

With its 9-2 record on the season, the Varsity Lady Bulldogs were 2-0 in area play with wins over Brantley and Elba.

The Kinston Volleyball teams are coached by Suzanne Elmore and Tiffany Johnson.

Upcoming Matches for Kinston Volleyball				
Sept. 20	New Brockton	4 p.m.	JH, JV, V	Home
Sept. 22	Enterprise Tournament for Varsity			
Sept. 24	Elba	4 p.m.	JV, V	There
Sept. 25	Brantley	4 p.m.	JV, V	There
Sept. 27	Zion Chapel	4 p.m.	JH, JV, V	Home

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AROUND TOWN & COUNTY



The Elba Water Department had a mess to contend with Monday morning, Sept. 10, after an 18-wheeler reportedly hit the fire hydrant shown above on Claxton Avenue in downtown Elba. Police officers were able to make contact with the driver of the 18-wheeler at a local business and an incident report was filed.



The Zion Chapel Rebel Marching Band kept music going from the stands last Friday night, Sept. 14, during the Zion Chapel and Luverne football game. The band delivered an energetic halftime performance later in the evening.



Lennon Cowen attended the Kinston Tiny Mites football game Saturday evening, Sept. 15, to help cheer her brother and his teammates to victory. Lennon even brought her pink pom poms along for the game.



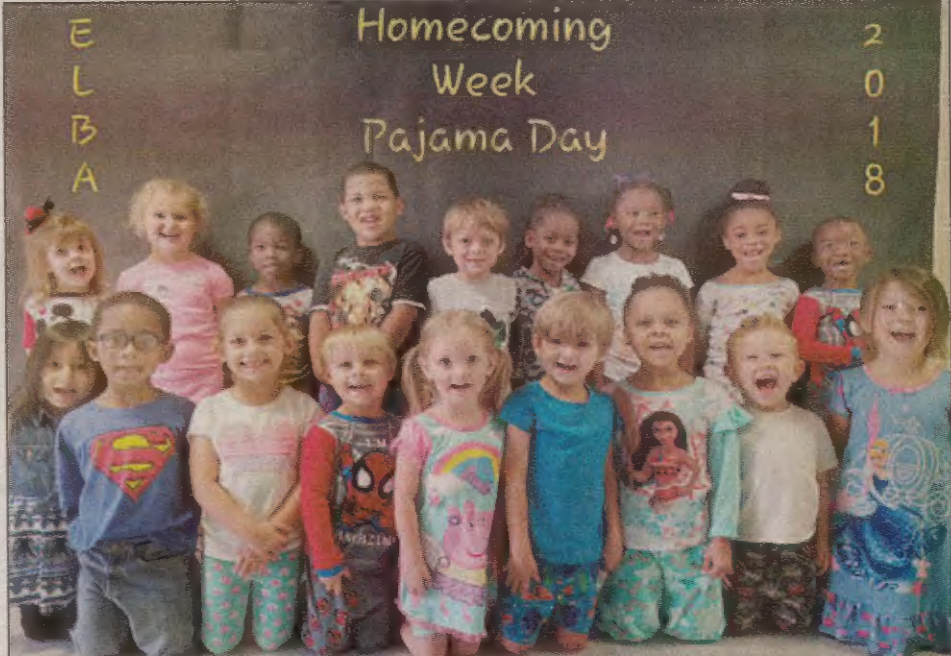
Elba is a recipient of an EPA [Environmental Protection Agency] “Local Foods Local Places” grant. This grant allows the EPA and other federal, state, and local officials to identify how locally produced food can help grow and improve communities, especially downtown Elba, and develop an action plan to implement those strategies. As part of the Local Food Local Places initiative, outreach meetings were held Tuesday, Sept. 18, and Wednesday, Sept. 19, in Elba between locally involved organizations with EPA and state officials. Above, a group of EPA and state officials had lunch with City, Chamber, and Restoration 154 leaders Tuesday, Sept. 18, at The Rabbit Hole in downtown Elba.



Rolling yard with toilet paper is a Homecoming tradition in the local area, and there is no doubt it is homecoming in Elba this week based on the number of yards that look just like this one. The intended target here - home of Elba High School junior, varsity cheerleader and volleyball player Lauren Haley. Toilet papering has become a fun Homecoming tradition for Elba students to show a little “love” to their classmates, teachers, and administrators. Even a few retired educators still get show a little love each year!



Elba School Resource Officer Sylvia Summers ‘caught’ a few Elba Early Learning Center Pre-K students being good Monday, Sept. 17, at school. Therefore, she rewarded them for good behavior!



It was Pajama Day at Elba City Schools on Tuesday of this week as part of the Homecoming Week ‘dress up days’ and the Pre-K students (shown here) were all smiles about it. These youngsters are enjoying their first Homecoming Week as students.



Happy Homecoming 2018
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